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## NASHUA COIN CLUB

Minutes of the Meeting  
13 January 2003

The meeting was opened by Bruce Heimbach at 7:00 P.M. 12 members were in attendance and Bob Fritsch, regretfully, could not make it. Elections were delayed until next month since the list of nominees could not be located.

Don Pickering showed around a flyer from the Nashua Water Department. The photo on the flyer was a water faucet with golden coins pouring from it. The weird part was that the coins were English Pounds and were in a mirrored format so one couldn't easily read the words on the coins.

Don also called Nashua City Hall about the new Nashua sesquicentennial celebration medals (150 years). The gentleman he spoke to had no clue how much they would sell for or how many they will receive from the minter. He did know that they will be in gold, silver, and bronze and there will be a \$100 dinner at the Sheraton which will include an auction and these medals will be offered for sale. Also for sale will be special license plates representing Nashua pride. These will be numbered from 1 to 50. The State of New

Hampshire has agreed to allow these legally as front plates on your car for a year during the celebration. The remaining numbered plates will be available later at the city hall. Bruce suggested they should also create inexpensive wooden nickels so that all the public can partake in the celebration.

The Coin of the Month was amusement tokens and boy, were they amusing. Everyone had fun answering the quiz questions and a reminiscing discussion took place. Alan could recall a time when only cash was used, but tokens were used so that it wouldn't appear as gambling. It was remembered that Canabee Lake Park accepted tokens in their horse racing game. This discussion then lead off to casino tokens and we were wondering if there was a collector organization for these tokens. If so, is Bob Fritsch a member?

It was very nice to see a long time member come back to the meeting. Mike Yanuskevich was acknowledged and introduced. Mike also won the raffle for \$3.00.

Dave Heimbach won the Coin of the Month raffle of 8 amusement tokens. These will add well to his collection of amusment tokens from FunSpot. Tokens included Worlds Largest Carousel, Shakey's pizza, Games People

Play, 49th Street Grill, Mr. Gatti's, Galaxy World, Golfland Arcade, and Putt Putt Plus. It was noted that most of these a mavericks since no locations were specified, except for Shakey's being a local favorite from the past and The World's Largest Carousel located in Wisconsin (according to the internet).

Scott McIver from the bank, brought in this month's interesting coin counting machine finds. Included was a 2 cent Euro, 4 Canadian quarters, 1996 one pound and 1992 two pence coins from England, 1997 two Pybnr (unknown origin) and a one Grosz dated 1992 (also unknown). He also showed a 1999 off struck nickel that he found at a previous job and a proof 1986 Silver Eagle that was given to him by one of his favorite customers. Scott also announced that the Illinois state quarter will be coming to the bank at the end of this month, however, he told us that the bank pays fees for coinage and paper currency. Because of this, the bank is now being limited to two boxes of state quarters or they will be charged an additional fee. He's not sure what the bank will do, but this may make it tougher to get the state quarters.

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Charlie Dube showed around a



## JANUARY QUIZ

There were lots of numismatic things happening in 1995. How many do you know?:

1. How many different commemorative coins did the US issue in 1995? Don't count Proof/Unc varieties.
2. Name them.
3. Were any Kennedy Half Dollars struck for circulation in 1995?
4. 1995 marked the final year of a momentous series of Mexican coins. What were they?

## DECEMBER ANSWERS

1. To promote use of the arcade's machines; to encourage return business; to offer quantity discounts. 2. Who knows? The Turnpike Authority is not saying. 3. To ensure nobody else's tokens are used in the owner's machines. 4. Yes. In fact they will fit several types of machines since they are a standard diameter and weight.

## SHOW CALENDAR

### FEBRUARY

9 Feb - Chelmsford

**16 FEB - 3rd SUNDAY, HOLIDAY INN**

20-23 Feb - Chicago Paper Money Expo

27 Feb-1 Mar - Long Beach, CA

### MARCH

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### APRIL

**30 Mar - Willamantic, CT**



NH Numismatic Association  
medal, a silverish Roman looking  
coin, and a variety of other tokens.

## The year 1995

**Randy Bullis**

Alan Broulliard, who has not had luck in the past passing antique \$100 bills, encountered another odd situation with U.S. money. During a visit to McDonalds he paid using 5 \$1 bills and the counter attendant performed the pen test on each bill, thus proving them to be real. We thought this was a little overkill. Scott added that in Ohio, at the bank, he saw more counterfeit bills than he sees here in New England. He said the biggest problem is counterfeit checks. When a bank receives counterfeit money, the owner is out of money. The bank confiscates it and turns the bill along with your personal information over to the Secret Service.

Next months Coin of the Month is any coin from 1995. Also, for show and tell, don't forget to bring your 1995 double die Lincoln cent.

Just before the meeting adjourned at 9:00, a small auction was held with Charlie Dube selling his bag of tokens and the NHNA medal. Proceeds of \$2 was donated to the club. Don Pickering sold a bag of cents from Canada of which the total winning bid of \$2 was donated to the club.

Respectfully submitted,  
Randy Bullis  
Vice President

What do you remember? You can look at it as just 7 years ago or it can feel like an eternity away.

It was an exciting year for numismatists. The first double die cent in a long time made all the headlines and not just in our coin papers. The Philadelphia mint created an obverse double die Lincoln cent. The words Liberty and In God We Trust were doubled and the exciting search began. On a personal note, I found mine in pocket change one day in Cambridge, Mass. when I went out to lunch. Recently, I have had it slabbed and it graded MS67.

World events included the televised murder trial of O.J. Simpson. The glove did not fit, so they had to acquit, as the saying goes. In March, a terrorist group launched a nerve gas attack on the Tokyo subway system. Timothy McVeigh became infamous with his fertilizer rental truck bomb that blew up the Oklahoma city federal building in April. Come August and France entered the nuclear club by exploding a bomb in the Pacific islands. Israelis and Palestinians agreed on transferring the West Bank to the Arabs (so much for that). Finally, Quebec took a vote on independence from Canada and decided to stay together (or until the next referendum).

How interesting the coinage would be then. The last time Canadian coin collectors had a separate Province to collect was in 1949 when Newfoundland joined the Canada Confederation. Coins in the United States were hitting all time high mintages with 6.4 billion Philadelphia cents and another 7.1 billion minted in Denver. A total of 1.6 billion Jefferson nickels minted at both mints. 2 billion dimes, and 2 billion quarters. Not until 1999 would we see more quarters minted per year than in 1995. The mint even hit a high with the hardly used Kennedy half dollar with 26 million struck each with P and D mint marks. No dollar coins were minted. Most people didn't even realize that we were going to need more Susan B. Anthony dollars in the future. In 1995, we thought dollar coins were a thing of the past just as we had hoped terrorism attacks would be.

#### 2002 OFFICERS

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VP - Alan Brouillard

VP - Randy Bullis

Secretary - Bob Fritsch

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**NEXT MEETING 10 FEBRUARY AT  
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**COIN OF THE MONTH**

**Any Coin from 1995**



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10 February 2003

The meeting was opened at 7:01PM by President Bruce Heimbach with the Pledge of Allegiance. Twelve members were present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved with a spelling correction for Canobie Lake Park. The Treasurer's Report was read and approved.

Correspondence included the usual magazines and mail offers, plus a letter from member Michael Turrini from California, a *Numismatic News* Club article about Bart Bartanowicz's activity in Florida, and a copy of The Nashua *Telegraph* listing NCC as a Santa Fund donator. There was no old business.

Don Pickering reported that Nashua Sesquicentennial medals were available at City Hall at \$600 for a 3 medal numbered set (gold, silver, bronze), \$25 for unnumbered silver, and \$15 for unnumbered bronze. The mint that produced the medals is unknown and the production quality is poor. There are no markings on the Silver medals denoting their content, so the secondary market for these things will be iffy. The City will keep ordering medals to satisfy demand. Several of our members had volunteered to help with matters such as this but none were accepted, with the disappointing results mentioned above.

There will be a New Hampshire Numismatic Coin and Currency Expo 21-24 August at the Wayfarer Inn in Bedford, run by Ernie Botte. The hottest item on the market today is PCGS Registry sets. Too many nut cases are paying way too much for them. \$39,000 for a 1963 Proof Cent is

exorbitant. CW Trends now lists Modern Issues with surprising prices. Slabbing companies are giving the erroneous impression that if a coin is not slabbed, it is worthless. Nothing could be further from the truth, but their profit margins keep going up.

The Quiz on 1995 coins was discussed. President Heimbach reported that a guy where he works has several cans of cents that he has saved over the years, and wants to estimate how many there are by weighing them. That is a really bad idea, because he most likely has a mixture of coppers (3.11 grams) and zincs (2.5 grams) so weighing would give a false answer. A prototype of the West Virginia Quarter was shown by Bob Fritsch who got it from his brother who got it from the man who designed it. John Statkum won the attendance raffle of \$3.00.

After the break, nominations for office were opened one last time and were closed with no new names. As each office was unopposed, the Secretary cast one vote for the slate. The new officers are:

President – Randy Bullis  
Vice Presidents – Bob Landry, Bruce Heimbach, Gary Galbo  
Secretary-Treasurer – Bob Fritsch  
Director – Don Pickering  
Librarian (appointive) – Bob Landry  
Editors (appointive) – Bob Fritsch, Randy Bullis

Congratulations and thanks to each of our new officers.

Coin of the Month was any coin dated 1995, and there was an array of them. Leading off was a Kennedy Half, "P" mintmark, weakly struck, baggy, reeding almost non-existent. Die life

and wear was described, and the comment was made that you can have a beautiful coin right next to a piece of junk struck on a different press. There were also dimes, nickels, and cents contributed, with some roadkill in the mix. 20 coins were won by Roger Levesque. Next COTM is any coin without English inscriptions.

Show and Tell included identification of Scott McIver's coins reported last month. Bob Fritsch delivered a set of Heartland Coin Club medals which were presented to us by that El Cajon, CA club (Bob is a member there also). He also showed several Swiss Shooting medals with all their bright colors and heraldry. Charlie Dube had a Montgomery County (state unknown) dog tag from 1917 and some miscellaneous tokens. Roger Levesque showed two Morgan dollars, an 1896 with bold lettering and a 1921 with a lamination. Ken Camilleis had a Cape Cod guide book from 1947, and Scott McIver had a set of Portuguese coins given to him by a customer.

Coming shows as published in the newsletter were reviewed. Charlie Dube conducted an auction of his miscellaneous tokens. Outgoing President Heimbach presented the gavel to Incoming President Bullis and in his parting remarks said, "It's been a blast!" The meeting was closed at 8:58.PM. The next meeting is 10 March.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert F. Fritsch  
Secretary



## President's Message

by Randy Bullis

Spring is coming soon, or so I thought before that darn groundhog spotted that shadow of his on Feb 2nd. Six more weeks of Winter he suggested and at this time, I think he was right. Ah, Spring. The time of year when the hot coin market of the cold winter begins to slow down. That time of the season when the maple sap begins flowing and the countryside is filled with smoke and steam escaping from the sugar houses. It is also the time of year when I can begin to see my driveway again instead of that layer of built-up ice and snow pack.

Well, we've been spoiled these last several years, now haven't we? Usually all these things begin happening around this time in Southern New Hampshire, but not this year. I still see piles of snow outside and in the driveway. I can't even get to my sugar house to open the door because the snow is too deep. And lately, the temperature outside has been between 10 and 4 below during the evenings so I stay inside on my computer and surf Ebay looking for this year's silver China Panda coin.

Chinese Pandas are a very beautiful collection. The series began in 1982 and were an instant hit with the collecting public. For awhile, they were very tough to get and the ones from the early 80's are still very expensive. The series is comparable with the United States' Eagle coin program. The Pandas come in one Ounce silver each year as well as 1/20, 1/10, 1/4, 1/2, and one ounce gold Pandas. They have also been struck in 1/2 ounce silver for a couple of the years and some 5 ounce



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silver, 12 ounce silver and even 12 ounce gold. Each year is a different design, however in 2001 and 2002 they were the same. The 2003 is different.

I think they would make a wonderful show and tell for this month's meeting. They fit right in with the Coin of the Month. On one side, they have 1 ounce AG .999 in English, but on the other side are words completely written in Chinese. I assume they state the same, but have never found any information on this. If any club member out there can help me out, I sure would appreciate it.

See you all soon. Stay warm!



## FEBRUARY QUIZ

These questions will take you to the Standard Catalog of World Coins for the answer:

1. What year does the Hejira date AH ١٤٢٤ equate to in the Gregorian Calendar?
2. What country is identified by the inscription CCCP?
3. Your coin has ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΔΕΜΟΚΡΑΤΙΑ on it. Where is it from?
4. Name these currency symbols: €, £, ¥.

## JANUARY ANSWERS

1. Twelve.
2. Civil War Battlefields Preservation Clad Half \$, Silver \$1, Gold \$5; Olympic Clad Half \$ for Basketball and Baseball, Silver \$1 for Gymnastics, Paralympics, Track & Field, and Cycling, and Gold \$5 for Torch Runner and Stadium; Eunice K. Shriver Silver \$1.
3. Of course, about 53 million of them.
4. The 10, 50, and 100 New Peso bimetallic coins had sterling silver centers 1992-1995.







## WHAT IS A “SURVIVOR”?

by Ken Camilleis

The big thing nowadays is the “survivorship” of a particular coin issue. But what really does it mean for a coin to have “survived”? An educated guesstimate of the number of survivors of a coin issue, variety within a date, or condition within a particular issue is a function of the number estimated to be *known* of that issue, variety or condition to the coin market. But if a hoard of coins is stashed away in an attic or vault, has it survived? If a rare coin has been buried in the ground, has it *survived* all this time, or has it been *revived* upon discovery, say, with a metal detector? If there is a record of a coin that was purchased by someone in 1890, who has long since passed, that coin is known, but is it a survivor if its whereabouts aren’t presently known? If you or I buy a rare coin and place it in a safe-deposit box and never sell it, is that coin still a survivor or is it “dead” unless and until it reappears on the coin market?

Based on the concept of survivorship I feel that the methods of estimating rarity and thereby developing pricing structure have gotten out of control. Take, for example, the 1956-P Lincoln Cent, of which over 417 *million* business strikes were made. No one knows for sure how many “survive” to the present day in Gem BU Red, and within this designation, down to the granularity of classifications of MS-65, 66, 67, 68, 69 and 70. However, the observation that a *roll* of BU 1956 cents can be had today for less than \$10 suggests that millions of these may still be available. If, say, 390 million 1956-P cents were placed in the channels of commerce between 1956 and 1963, then some 27 million of them may have been stashed away during the BU roll speculation mania of the mid-1960s. A large percentage of 1956-Ps have resurfaced from time to time whilst an also substantial percentage remain in hiding. And now for the clincher – recently a single 1956 cent that was slabbed MS-67 Red was advertised for over \$3000 – yes, *three thousand* dollars! Why? Because it was one of only 3 that had been certified at that grade with none higher – known as a “pop-top” coin. I can’t help but ask the rhetorical question as to how many of the millions of not-as-yet (and most likely never-to-be) certified 1956 cents would meet or exceed that grade? The point being, that we are talking about a coin that is so common that its collector value wouldn’t even cover the slabbing fee, that’s why its “pop” is so low!

The 1956-P cent argument is, in my opinion, true for most 20th century coins, of which many issues were in the tens or hundreds of millions, and eventually in the *billions*. With output in such huge volumes I feel it is virtually impossible to gauge rarity, because the *rarity scale* used by coin students (the “R1” through “R8” designations for rating the estimated number known of a particular date, variety, or condition) cuts off at a mere 2500. That is, any coin where the number known is greater than 2500 may be considered scarce but not *rare* and given a rating of “R1”. This means that more than 99.99% of most coin issues could disappear yet what remains would be enough to flood the numismatic market to the point that the issue is not rare!

On the flip side of the survivorship dilemma is the likelihood of the same rare coin being recorded multiple times in a data analysis. Frequently the same coin appears in multiple auctions down the years yet is not recognized or properly attributed. This is mainly because so much time may elapse until a rare coin’s reappearance, sometimes generations or even a *century* or more. The certification services’ data in their “population reports” are also clearly flawed by the fact that coins are sent in repeatedly in hopes of higher grades, yet the “crackouts” are not known to the graders. I personally have identified gold coins that I know were originally in a Harry W. Bass sale yet were tabulated at least twice because the pedigree no longer appeared on the slab and the grade was the same. The bottom line here is that relative rarity of rare coin “survivors” is often *underestimated* because the data and statistics gathered include duplicate tallies.

I’ve been collecting coins for 42 years (and common-date Lincolns for starters) – am I missing something? Could some of those Gem BU Wheaties that an old lady brought into the bank not long ago be ... well, could I be sitting on a small fortune were I to get them slabbed?!



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### COIN OF THE MONTH

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10 March 2003

The meeting was opened at 7:00PM by President Randy Bullis with 11 members and 2 guests present. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written and were not verbalized. There was no Treasurer's Report.

The club recognizes and welcomes Cliff Loverne as a guest to the meeting and we all hope he can make it to the next as well.

Frank Clark needed to make a hasty exit, so he began the meeting with a show and tell of some foreign coins that his Father owned, keeping with the theme of the Coin of the Month.

Paul Bergeron was also a guest. Invited by Don Pickering, Paul is on the executive committee for the city of Nashua. This committee oversees all other city committees and is in charge of the Sesquicentennial medal program. Paul's visit was meant to educate the club members on the program as well as extract ideas of how to market the medals better. The Nashua medals are minted in Bronze (\$15), silver (\$25) and gold. The only way to purchase the gold is to buy the complete set of three

for a price of \$600. When purchased in sets, all three coins will have serial numbers on the rims, otherwise, the rims are reeded with a blank area. So far, only 9 complete sets have been sold as well as a couple dozen of the silver and bronze in singles. After these 10 sets have been sold, they can only be ordered by subscription since the city does not want to get stuck with a surplus. The set labeled number 10 will be sold at auction. Silver Towne mints the medals but no information is available on purity or amount of precious metal per medal.

Suggestions began arising immediately. First and foremost, the silver and gold should specify the purity and amount of precious metal. They would be tough to market to coin collectors if this was not present and they would have terrible after market value. Paul said that he would definitely bring this point up at the next meeting and would then contact Silver Towne with the suggestion. Second, limit the amount of each medal and preannounce this limit to the public. This will help get people to buy in early. It was also suggested that the coin club assist the city by selling the medals at the April third Sunday show. Gary Galbo said he would check with Jim Guinesso to see if we could get a table in the entry hall. We

could purchase a silver medal as well and raffle it off.

Paul said the city of Nashua will be hosting a sesquicentennial parade on July 5th. They will have bugle and drum corps from all over the U.S. The estimated cost will be around \$150,000 and they hope to offset some of the costs with medal sales. Medals will be sold at the parade also.

Gary Galbo reported on Long Beach show and how he spent a lot of money there and a number of the best coins will be in his upcoming auction on April 12th. It was originally scheduled for March 29th, but due to his popular coaching style, his team is in the basketball playoffs that day. He also went to the Boston Bay State show, but thought it disappointing, possibly due to other large shows the same weekend. Full Step Nickel Club newsletters were then handed out. Gary said the club has started back up again in California after the original initiator from New Jersey passed away. The newsletter contains values and rarity status of all Jefferson full step nickels.

Gary reported that the PCGS and NGC registry coins were a hot, hot market. The goal is to assemble a complete set of a coin series all in one company's slabs



in the highest possible grade. The set is then registered with that company and an average grade derived from all the grades in the set. The contest is to see who has the number 1 average grade. This causes common date coins such as a 1984 Lincoln cent in MS68 to sell for hundreds of dollars.

Bruce Heimbach won the monthly raffle of \$2.75. Bob Landry won the Coin of the Month raffle which consisted of 31 coins all without any English writing on them.

The June award banquet was discussed a little. It was agreed that Newicks seafood restaurant was the best place to hold it, however, why not have the banquet in October since the library is not available and Small Cents 2 coin store is no longer with us. We agreed to table the discussion until a future meeting.

Show and tell was held at the end of the meeting and a lot of material was displayed. Ken C. brought in a 1935 silver certificate from World War II overprinted with the word HAWAII. When he was a teenager, he sealed the bill in between two plastic sheets and stapled them together. He didn't realize then, but he made the earliest known paper money slabs. Charlie D. showed a George III gambling token, a U.S. large cent from 1825 with a big hole in the middle, and other various tokens. All were auctioned off at the very end. Cliff L. passed around Widows Mites. Small coins used during the days of Jesus.

Next meeting will be on April 14, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,  
Randy Bullis

## President's Message

Randy Bullis

Haaappy Birthday! Isn't that what Frosty the Snowman would say in the holiday cartoon every time he came back to life? Well, it's April 2nd and my snowman on the lawn has finally melted. For awhile there, he was a solid block of ice for several weeks. Now, it's time to rack the lawn and start applying the fertilizer and lime to get ready for summer and my birthday in June. That brings me back to the topic at hand. Birth year coins. This month's Coin of the Month has been chosen to be any coin from your birth year. Some of us may have to look real hard to find one of those in pocket change. <chuckle>

This should make for a very interesting raffle with a great variety of coins with a great variety of dates involved. I can't wait. I've even decided to throw in a slabbed coin into the raffle and I bet you won't want to miss your chances of winning this one. It is a PCGS graded PF66 CAMEO 1964 Kennedy half dollar. This is one gorgeous coin. If you have ever wanted to get in on the cameo collecting craze that Rick Tomaska personally promotes, then this slab is for you.

Also, I'd like to say thanks for your votes of confidence and I look forward to serving as President this year. I just hope I can live up to the superb job done by my predecessor.

In closing, I would like to say that it was a great meeting last month and it was nice to see a new face in the crowd (Cliff Loverne). Hope no one has to miss this meeting because it should be just as enjoyable if not better. See you all soon.



## ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of NHNA will be held on Sunday, 20 April 2003 (Easter Sunday) at 2PM during the Third Sunday Show in Nashua. This show is held at the Holiday Inn at Exit 4, and is one of the best little shows in New England. All members are invited to come early to cruise the bourse then attend the meeting. Annual election of officers will take place, plus interesting discussions about the club and NH numismatics. Please send agenda items to or POB 3003, Nashua, NH 03061-3003.

## MARCH QUIZ

This is a simple quiz: What is the U.S. birth year type set for each these famous and not-so-famous people? Of course you have to find out when they were born. You will need a reference with the dates (I used the World Almanac 2001) and your Red Book for this one. (If you do not have a Red Book, I will give you one for a \$1 contribution to the club.)

1. Abraham Lincoln
2. John Madden
3. Mel Blanc
4. Joseph Conrad
5. The reverse of the Lincoln cent changed to the memorial design in what year and why?
6. In 1990, a commemorative dollar was minted to honor the 34th president. Who was he and what year was he born?
7. What year did the Washington quarter begin and why?

## FEBRUARY ANSWERS

1. It is 2003 with the start of the year on 5 March. 2. Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. 3. Greece, actually the Hellenic Democracy. 4. Euro, British Pound, Japanese Yen.

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## THE U.S. COINAGE OF 1839

by Ken Camilleis

The year 1839 was a tough one economically for Martin Van Buren and his young United States. There was much unrest over slavery, and in fact in this year's summer began the slave rebellion on the *Amistad*. The so-called "opium wars" with China were raging, and the U.S. had just emerged from a major depression and was into another one. Coins of all denominations were being hoarded; the specie (gold and silver) for their value as legal tender and the coppers (large cents, primarily) for their use in everyday commercial transactions.

However, 1839 was one of the U.S. Mint's better years in terms of quality control, as the steam press was now in use for production of coins of all denominations. As a novelty, the steam press was not immune to failure, as portions of the rims on 1839 coins are sometimes mushy, and the star centrils may not be fully defined. On the other hand, device detail, such as shield plates, eagle wings and hair cords, are usually fully struck up on coins of 1838-40, in contrast to coins from prior years and some years following.

The copper cent of 1839 was minted in two major varieties, as in this year the cent of the Coronet type changed from the *Young Head* to the *Petite Head* Liberty profile, and the line under the word CENT was eliminated. Known varieties of cents confined to the year 1839 are the Silly Head (Young) and the Booby Head (Petite), and there is also a scarce Mint error referred to as the 1839 "9 over 6". To ameliorate the supply of circulating small change produced by the Mint, one-cent tokens reflecting the Hard Times era were manufactured by private merchants as well; these are called *store cards*. No half cents were coined by the Mint in 1839.

Half dimes and dimes from 1839 are of the Seated Liberty "No Drapery" style. This term does not actually mean *no* drapery but no *extra* segment of drapery visible at Liberty's elbow. The reverse depicts a *closed bud* wreath, as on all No Stars & No Drapery dimes and half dimes of 1837-40.

The quarter dollar of 1839 is also solely of the Seated Liberty No Drapery design, with an eagle which is usually well-struck except for a soft area around its dexter leg and the legend QUAR. DOL. The quarter was coined only in Philadelphia, whereas other silver coins were minted in New Orleans in 1839.

1839 was one of only two years in the nation's history that two half dollar designs were employed in the same year. There was a regular production run of Capped Bust halves with the reeded edge that was introduced in 1836 as the first trial of business-strike coinage on the steam press. Later in the year, the Seated Liberty half was introduced, and this was initially of the No Drapery and Small Letters style, and later in 1839 of the Drapery variety with the same reverse.

The silver dollar of 1839 was the last of a very short (1836-39) trial coinage, struck only as proofs, known as the *Gobrecht Dollar*. It is very rare and expensive. Restrikes of the 1839 dollar, which are documented to have been made in the 1850s or 1860s, are nearly as rare. This limited-production coin, designed by Christian Gobrecht in 1836 with a plain edge, was originally termed a *pattern coin*, although it was immediately put into general circulation and later thought of as a production coin despite its rarity and proof-only status. The 1839 dollar has a reeded edge.

The quarter eagle of 1839 was the last year of the Classic Head design, and was coined at four mints - Philadelphia, Charlotte, Dahlonega and New Orleans. Quarter eagles of 1839 are difficult to obtain, as other 1839 gold issues, especially branch mints, in choice mint condition.

The half eagle of 1839 was coined at Philadelphia, Charlotte and Dahlonega, but of the Coronet design. In this year, and part of 1840, a wider rim (known as the "broad mill") was used on \$5 coinage.

The eagle was coined in two varieties of the Coronet design, the first being the "Covered Ear" style introduced in the design's debut year of 1838, and then the modified hair/truncated bust and smaller letters that encompassed the remainder of the 1839 \$10 coinage. The latter is quite scarce in any grade.

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## NEXT MEETING 14 APRIL AT THE LIBRARY

### COIN OF THE MONTH

**Any Coin From Your Birth year**



## NASHUA COIN CLUB

Minutes of the Meeting  
14 April 2003

The meeting was opened at 7:01PM by President Randy Bullis with the Pledge of Allegiance. Fourteen members and one guest were present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's Report was read and approved. Correspondence included the usual magazines and mail offers plus the annual room renewal from the Nashua Library (the Secretary has submitted the request), a letter from Dave Bowers advising his new address; and an email from Bart Bartanowicz concerning Past President's Medals. It was moved and approved to acquire one medal for each active member who was a president of this club, at a cost of \$15.00 each from ANA. Engraving will be accomplished when they arrive.

Old Business opened with a motion and affirmative vote to move the annual banquet to October. The Secretary will inform the library that we will need the room in June. Don Pickering showed a letter from the City of Nashua as a followup to last month's meeting. A Certificate of Authenticity will accompany each precious metal piece sold and Mr. Bergeron thanked the club for their assistance. He wants to sell 150 sets at \$600 each to pay for this summer's festivities. This is an unrealistic goal and the expected \$30K will never be raised by the medal program. The coin quiz

provided a good lesson in American numismatics – there is more behind the coin than just the coin. New member Cliff LaVerne passed around a 1990 Ike Commemorative. The attendance raffle of \$3.50 was won by Ken Camilleis.

Coin of the Month was anything from your birth year. Many interesting coins turned up:

1962D Dime – Tim Samson  
1959 P&D Cents and 59D Nickel – Bob Landry  
1953 Cent – Alan Brouillard who had a hard time finding one in the penny jar.  
1986 Quarter – Dave Heimbach  
1951 Cent – Bruce Heimbach  
1953D Unc Cent – Ken Camilleis who got it at a bank when a lady brought in a bag of them.  
1958 Choice BU Cent – Cliff LaVerne  
1945 Walker Half – Bob Fritsch, who got it in change from a coin shop in Germany last year.  
1921 Dime – Don Pickering who found it in a junk bag.

1964 slabbed cameo Proof Kennedy Half – Randy Bullis. These are not as common as once thought. The coins were won by Alan Brouillard who donated the Kennedy Half to the club for auction. It hammered for \$23.00. Next Coin of the Month is gold plated coins.

The annual NHNA meeting is Sunday at the Third Sunday show. As it is Easter Sunday, attendance is expected to be low. Bob Fritsch talked about ANA elections and how important this club's vote is. The Executive

Board will decide upon who gets our marks. Show and Tell included gold plated US coins of each denomination from Roger Levesque; a 1839 Seated Liberty Dime from Ken Camilleis who also found a large Cent with two holes and no date, but in the mid-years of the series. He also passed around a flattened round tin about the size of a half dollar that was labeled 3 Merry Widows and challenged us to figure out what it held. Most of us got it. Bob Fritsch showed a series of elongated pennies from Sea World San Diego and put in a plug for The Elongated Collectors and the ANA. Charlie Dube had a two-headed quarter. The auction netted \$23 for the Proof Kennedy Half, \$1 for a catalog from Jena Elsen of Brussels, and Bob Fritsch donated \$2 from Red Book sales.

The meeting was closed at 8:58.PM. The next meeting is 13 May.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert F. Fritsch  
Secretary

## Las Vegas State Quarters Bruce Heimbach

Hi gang, Just returned from Las Vegas. Yes I do have some "D" quarters.....Not many though. I will bring in what I have so you may go through them and pick out the ones you want. I also have a friend going to Vegas in July, I will ask him to bring back \$40 worth of state quarters and we will see what we get. Hope everyone is enjoying this fine weather. hope to see ALL of you soon.

## APRIL QUIZ

The topic of Gold Plated Coins is a limited one. Try these questions:

1. What is a "Racketeer Nickel"?
2. Who is Josh Tatum and why is he important to this topic?
3. Gold-plated 50 States Quarters are popular. Numismatically speaking, are they more valuable than those you get in the bank?
4. On the average, how much is the gold on a gold-plated coin worth (use a 50 States Quarter as the model)?

## MARCH ANSWERS

### 1. 1809

1/2¢ Classic Hd  
1¢ CH  
10¢ Lib Cap  
50¢ LC  
1/2 Eag Turban  
(overdate)

### 2. 1936

1¢ Linc Wht  
5¢ Buffalo  
10¢ Mercury  
25¢ Washington  
50¢ Walking Lib  
50¢ Albany  
50¢ Arkansas  
50¢ Bay Bridge  
50¢ Boone  
50¢ Bridgeport  
50¢ Cincinnati  
50¢ Cleveland/GL  
50¢ Columbia  
50¢ Delaware  
50¢ Elgin  
50¢ Gettysburg  
50¢ Long Island  
50¢ Lynchburg  
50¢ Norfolk  
50¢ Oregon  
50¢ Rhode Is  
50¢ Robinson-Ark  
50¢ San Diego  
50¢ Texas  
50¢ Wisconsin  
50¢ York Cnty, ME

### 3. 1908

1¢ IH  
5¢ Liberty  
10¢ Barber  
25¢ Barber  
50¢ Barber  
1/4 Eagle IH  
1/2 Eagle IH  
Eagle IH  
2x Eagle SG

### 4. 1857

1/2¢ Braided Hair  
1¢ BH  
1¢ Flying Eagle  
3¢ Type II Silver  
1/2¢ Dime  
10¢ Seated Liberty  
25¢ SL  
50¢ SL  
\$1 SL Silver  
\$1 IH Gold  
1/4 Eagle Coronet Head  
\$3 Gold  
1/2 Eagle CH  
Eagle CH  
2x Eagle CH

## SHOW CALENDAR

1-4 May - Central States, St Louis

9-11 May - PAN, Pittsburgh

**18 MAY - 3rd SUNDAY, HOLIDAY INN**

**24 MAY - SMALL CENTS II AUCTION**

25 May - Chelmsford

13-15 Jun - Int'l Paper Money Show, Memphis

**15 JUN - 3rd SUNDAY, HOLIDAY INN**

22 Jun - Chelmsford

27-29 Jun - Mid-America Coin Expo, Rosemont, IL



## 1857 – WHAT A YEAR!

by Ken Camilleis

England and France declared war on China. Andrew Johnson (who would later as President become impeached) was in this year elected to the U.S. Senate. Our young country, established as an independent nation for less than a century, was on the brink of a great national conflict. On March 4 of this year, James Buchanan was sworn in to the Presidency. Charles Darwin, after many years of dedicated research, completed his first draft of his “theory of evolution”. This was 1857.

One of the most (if not *the* most) noteworthy events of 1857 was the decision to rule against Dred Scott. This saga began in 1838 when Scott, a southern slave, was brought back to his home state of Missouri, a slave state. Scott had resided for some two years in Fort Snelling in the “free” territory of Minnesota, where he had married a slave woman who was also owned by Scott’s master, and a child was born to them. In 1846, Scott sued for his freedom and his status as a U.S. citizen on the grounds that his residency in a free territory, under the Missouri Compromise, insulated him from slavery, and that therefore his recapture was unconstitutional. The case dragged on for years, and was elevated to the U.S. Supreme Court in 1855. When all was said and done, it was determined that, to Scott’s detriment, there was no statute for making citizens of slaves or descendants of slaves. On March 6, 1857, Supreme Court Chief Justice Roger Taney handed down the verdict that Scott was still a slave and thereby had no authority to sue in federal court. It was further argued that any chattel could be captured anywhere within the United States, that Congress could not prohibit slavery in U.S. territories, and that the Missouri Compromise was in violation of the U.S. Constitution! Abraham Lincoln at this time gave a speech stressing the “life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness” right of “all men.” The Dred Scott case goes down in history as a decision that accelerated animosity amongst abolitionists and fueled the dissension that eventually led to the Civil War.

In September occurred the great disaster of the S. S. Central America, historically known as the “Ship of Gold”. On September 3, the paddle-wheel steamship set sail from San Francisco Bay enroute to New York, weighted down with some 21 tons of gold in coin and bar form. On September 11, a violent gale swept over the Carolina coast, and by the morning of the 12th, the vessel had sunk to the bottom of the sea, and over 400 passengers were drowned. Over a century later, in 1986, the wreckage of the Central America was discovered. Coins recovered from this wreck consisted mainly of large clusters of newly-minted 1857-S double eagles (\$20 gold pieces from the San Francisco Mint). The 1986 value of the finds from the Central America measured in the *billions* of dollars.

On the same day as the demise of the Central America, occurred the Mountain Meadows Massacre. This rebellion was staged by Mormons on alert of an Army attack. John D. Lee, an adopted son of Brigham Young, headed the massacre.

The year of 1857 was one of much change in American industry. Elisha Otis built the first passenger elevator, and the first patent for an electric fire alarm was approved. The first gas lamps were built to provide street lighting in St. Louis. The first horse-powered potato planter was patented in 1857. And, it has been said that toilet paper, as we know it today, was first produced in 1857.

## President’s Message

Randy Bullis

Hi gang! Hope you all can make it to this next meeting, it should be fun. Although, I have just heard, that due to a boss that expects Bob Fritsch to show up for work, sadly, he will not be at this meeting or in June. However, on a positive note, we have a new member, Cliff Loverme (and this time I got his last name correct), and I look forward to seeing him at this meeting.

The Coin of the Month will be any gold plated coin. Did you all get the chance to go to the Sunday Coin Show? There was a bunch of gold plated coins there. I will be bringing in a few plated state quarters and I heard that Bob Landry will be bringing in a gold plated Eisenhower dollar. This should be another interesting raffle.

See you all soon.

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**COIN OF THE MONTH**

**Any Gold Plated Coin**





# NASHUA NUMISMATIST

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## NASHUA COIN CLUB

### Minutes of the meeting

12 May 2003

Meeting opened at 7:03 by Bruce Heimbach. The minutes were read and a reminder was made that this year's banquet will be in October, not June. Present were 14 members and 3 guests.

Gary introduced his catalog for an upcoming auction. Some nice coins are being offered. He also passed around for show and tell, a Stacks auction catalog with some excellent photos inside, a FUN Show auction catalog, and he made an announcement about the upcoming Long Beach show.

First discussion of new business was the NH Coin and Currency Expo coming up August 22 to the 24th. Tables cost \$200 and up, however, Ernie Botte has donated a table in the foyer to our club and we think it's best to utilize this to promote the club. The hours of the show are Friday 10 to 7, Saturday 9 to 7, and Sunday 10 to 4. We need volunteers to man the table during these times. We are making a list of volunteers and as the weekend grows closer, a sheet of what times people are available to attend. Some suggestions we can do with the table are give away videos, 50/50 raffle, raffle off coin donations or ones the club will purchase, sell wooden nickels, sell or bring attention to Nashua city medals. We need to print club flyers, signs, and banners.

Bruce sold 3 gold plated quarters for \$1 and donated this to the club. He also brought in lots of D minted quarters for Charlie, but Charlie forgot to bring himself. Bruce was disappointed.

Ken announced that he is using his new metal detector that he got in March and brought some items in for show and tell. These were silver letter opener, thimbles, a British farthing, Barber dime, English large cent, a 14 karat wedding band, and an 1867 Indian Head cent. As part of show and tell, Ken also answered questions on detecting and his detector.

Don showed us 2 medals with the Old Man on the Mountain on them. These were a 1928 and 1978 Nashua country club curling pins.

Roger passed around a Sacagewea dollar and asked what was wrong with it. Surprise! It was a replica of the famous half Sac, half Washington quarter mules.

Charles Curfman showed us a 1942 over 41 Mercury dime. He found this in 1963 from a coffee machine and this began his coin collecting. Gary said it may be fake due to the look of the one. He also showed a counterfeit \$2 1/2 gold piece. A great discussion ensued about spotting fakes and their characteristics.

John worked with Charles at Sanders and they got their friend, Ed and his son, into coin collecting.

ANA show coming up in Baltimore July 31st to Aug 3rd. Southwest offers plane rides for \$99 round trip.

Tim won the attendance raffle of \$4.00.

An announcement was made by Ken's daughter that Nashua High School will be holding a jazz concert on May 20 and 21st and we were all welcome to attend.

Coin of the Month raffle was won by Randy. Gold plated coins included were a 1976 P and 1976 D Ike dollars, 2 Penn state quarters, 1 Jersey, 1 Conn, 1 Georgia, 1 Delaware, and 1 Mass.

Roger held a free raffle for a chinese coin plated with black paint and an auction of which he donated the proceeds to the club. Up for auction was a 1959-D gold plated Lincoln cent 50 cents, silver certificate \$2, 1945-P walker \$4, 1968-D Kennedy \$1, and a 1937 gold plated Buffalo 50 cents.

John has been looking for the 13 original colonies quarter sets that the mint issued awhile ago. He is curious if there is an aftermarket value on them or not. Has anyone seen any on Ebay?

The new \$20 bill is coming out soon according to The Herald. Last heard, Coin World said it was delayed due to situation in Iraq.

Maine state quarter coming out May 12th. Speaking about state quarters, Roger suggests holding on to NH state quarters since the Old Man is gone. They will go up in value. An antique shop owner friend of Ed's says that he is receiving

more requests now days for Old Man material so it has become popular.

Next Coin of the Month will be any coin dated 2003.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 after we had discussed our other collecting interests (reported in it's own article).

Respectfully submitted,  
Randy Bullis  
President

## MAY QUIZ

- 1.Name the 5 state quarters of 2003.
- 2.How many commemorative coins are scheduled for this year and what are they?
- 3.The personification of Great Britain has been on British coins for centuries. She just got a facelift this year and appears as a young woman. Who is this goddess of the United Kingdom?
- 4.For those Canadian coin fans, there will be 2 types of all Canadian coins minted in 2003. Why?

## APRIL ANSWERS

- 1.A gold-plated 1883 No-Cents Nickel that was passed as a Half Eagle (\$5).
2. Josh Tatum was arrested for fraudulently passing "Racketeer Nickels". His basic defense was that he had never stated the value of the coin – he would buy a less-than-five-cent item and lay the coin on the counter, then take whatever change the merchant gave him, be it \$4.95 or a few cents. He was acquitted, because he was a deaf-mute and was unable to "state the value of the coin!"
- 3.No, in fact they are considered altered coins and worth less than their uncirculated counterparts.
- 4.Only a few cents. Gold plating is extremely thin so even though it looks good, it does not add any value.

## President's Message Randy Bullis

It's been a long time since we met in the library during the month of June and I Welcome you all. Remember, the Nashua Coin Club's annual awards banquet will be held in October at Newicks restaurant in Merrimack, NH. As I write this message, I notice that NH Representative, Jeb Bradley, has introduced legislation that will create a commemorative coin for the Old Man Of The Mountain. It calls for 50,000 gold coins and 350,000 silver dollars and will be minted with the date, 2006. The surcharges from the coin will go towards honoring the Old Man with a memorial.

Some history of the Old Man. Discovered by notch surveyors in 1805, his first turnbuckle reinforcement was in 1915. This cable and connector helped keep the Old Man in place for years. In 1945, he became the official symbol of our state.

My favorite line about the Old Man came from Daniel Webster. He wrote "Men hang out their signs indicative of their respective trades. Shoemakers hang out a gigantic shoe; jewelers, a monster watch; even a dentist hangs out a gold tooth; but up in the Franconia Mountains God Almighty has hung out a sign to show that in New England He makes men."



# The Heart of Collecting

Everyone knows that collectors are collectors because it's a feeling in the heart. Sure, we may stray and pick up some material for investment or value, but still, we do it because we love to collect. Some may call us pack rats. We are all in the coin club because we have a common love of coin collecting, but because we are die hard collectors, what else do we collect?

**Alan Brouillard** collects photos. Other than his cherished photos of family, he enjoys horse photos (giant size). His favorite of these being Secretariat which is above his fireplace.

**Don Pickering** collects any article made in or made for Nashua, NH.

**Randy Bullis** collects postcards (mainly of Newport, VT) and guns, and assists his wife with Beanie Babies.

**Charles Curfman** collects Pokemon cards of fire breathing dragons (thanks to his grandson), and watches.

**Bruce Heimbach** is into hats. Baseball caps from places he's been.

**Frank Clark** collects cars and motorcycles. He has a number of BMW bikes and cars.

**Ed St.Onge** collects milk bottles and especially those from the Hillside Dairy.

**John Connary** collects town medals and some fishing tackle.

**Bob Landry** collects anything old, mainly depression glass.

**Ken Camilleis** collects memorabilia from the second quarter or 1825-1849.

**Dave Heimbach** prefers key rings from places he's visited.

**Derek Connary** enjoys collecting old books.

**Roger Levesque** holds on to magic items such as tricks.

And last, but not least,

**Tim Samson** collects stamps.





## **TREE COUNTRY**

**by Ken Camilleis**

The first circulating silver coins of the early Colonists were the Pine Tree coinage of the mid-1600s, followed by the Oak Tree and Willow Tree coinage. Although these coins are dated 1652 (and some 1662), they were issued over a period of about thirty years. Such coins have always been in demand, and have been believed to be very scarce. However, I have made an observation that leads me to believe that Tree coins may have been made in larger quantity than believed down the years.

Although I haven't been so lucky, many members of my metal detecting club have found Tree coins, and some in very high grade. I know of about three dozen Tree coins that have been turned up over the past ten years by metal detector users in Massachusetts, including a very rare Willow Tree shilling that was found on Cape Cod in 1997. These people do a lot of research to determine where the early communities were, that have to this date not been disturbed by earth-moving activity. Many such sites have been found in New England, especially in Massachusetts. Other period (early 1600s to about 1700) coins, jewelry and relics have been detected at these sites to prove out the context.

One of the best "dug" Tree coins I am aware of was unearthed just this past March in a Rhode Island farm field that dates back to the early settlers. This coin was sent to the Numismatic Conservation Service, which is a referral through NGC, for conservation, authentication and attribution services. It was identified as the extremely rare Noe-3 variety of the Pine Tree shilling, of which 14 are believed to exist! That's right, fourteen! And of course it is dearly valuable, perhaps into six figures! The gentleman who found the coin was with his two young sons, and between the three of them they found dozens of period coins and relics in a single day, as well as many large cents and other old coins.

Although coinage figures for Tree coins are unknown, it seems that with so many of them being discovered, there may have been more sources of this coinage than have presently been documented. It's also an interesting observation that in the past few years, more Tree coins have been submitted for our "Find of the Month" contest than Capped Bust coins!

Sad to say, I don't know the first thing about Tree coinage. Although I never really was interested in coins that far back or so crudely made, I find it absolutely fascinating that so many people are finding them, and know so much about them and where to look for them! Maybe someday soon I'll learn their secret.....

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# NASHUA NUMISMATIST

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## SPECIAL ISSUE

**We celebrate Nashua's 150th birthday and the coming of the 2003 ANA convention**

### NASHUA COIN CLUB

Minutes of the Meeting  
9 June 2003

Meeting was opened by Vice President, Bob Landry at 7:05. 15 members were present.

A discussion of the upcoming coin show hosted by Ernie Botte brought up the point by some of the senior members, that hosting a coin raffle doesn't really work well. Coin raffles also require a fairly expensive permit whereas 50/50 raffles do not. It was noted that the club used to run a coin show, but it was hard to do with very little volunteers.

If the club does a 50/50 raffle at Ernie's coin show, will there be a loudspeaker system to announce the winner? Gary will check. We also need to check with Bob Fritsch to find out if there are more wooden nickels remaining that we can sell. Don Pickering will check in with Paul Bergeron at the city clerk's office to find out more about the city medals and if we can promote them at the show.

News of the day was the retirement of the NH highway token. It will be replaced with the EZ Pass system.

Art Kagin has donated a group of

miscellaneous tokens to the club members, Gary will bring them in during the next meeting.

The club members have decided to place votes in the ANA elections for the following: President – Lewis, VP – Horton, Governors – Kagin, Herbert, Wilson, and Tumonis. All ANA members were reminded to vote as well.

Gary made a report about Long Beach. He bought lots of coins including Civil War tokens. Most of which he placed on Ebay. He doesn't miss having the store due to all the overhead costs. He also mentioned some results from the auction. A number of the coins went for a lot more than book value such as a 1912-S Lincoln cent PCGS MS65 Red, valued at \$1200, sold for \$24,000. A 1917 Lincoln cent PCGS MS66 Red, valued at \$110, sold for \$2400.

The attendance raffle of \$3.75 was won by Bruce Heimbach.

It was noted that Bowers and Merena abandoned their NH roots and moved to Louisiana.

Ken Camelleis had purchased a couple of 1994 Canadian platinum coins and noticed that the mintages were very, very low.

Everyone was reminded that the ANA convention this year is being held in Baltimore Maryland, July 30th to August 3rd. Southwest has flights for \$99 round trip and the train from the airport cost \$1. It was also noted that Southwest is offering trips from "Manchvegas" to Las Vegas for \$199 roundtrip after September.

The Coin of the Month raffle of coins of 2003 included 6 Alabama and 5 Illinois quarters, 2 cents including D and P mintmark, 2 P dimes, and 1 Silver Eagle from Ken. The raffle was won by Tim Samson and he had Charlie Dube auction of the Eagle and donated the \$8 to the club.

Charlie brought in some show and tell which included a medal dated 1977 about President Carter visiting Clinton Mass on March 16-17. He also showed a Korean Cash coin the size of a silver dollar. Bruce showed around a 1909-S \$20 St. Gaudens gold piece graded AU58.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55.

Next meeting will be on July 14, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,  
Randy Bullis

## More Musings from the Sunshine State

The word has spread in the neighborhood that I am a collector of coins. I have let people know that I “am not a dealer or buyer of coins” but that I will give them an idea of their value. As such, at least every couple of weeks I have someone bring in a stash of coins for me to look at. Some have high expectations, other have low expectations.

Needless to say I see lots of Kennedy halves and Ikes all which are not silver. I am more likely to see silver quarters more than anything else. And of course there is the usual number of well-worn coins that were purchased from mail order houses 40 or 50 years ago. I usually tell folks what to “return to circulation” and what to take to local dealers.

On occasion I do run across some interesting pieces which have value. What is strange in these cases is that people – who have no interest in the coins decide to hold on to them. It is not a case of sentimentality, “Dad, used to go through his coins every Saturday night and had such fun!” but perhaps being stuck in gear. These folks thank me and I tell them if they decide to sell I can recommend several dealers. They nod and I never hear about the coin again.

Recently I came across a grouping of Capped Bust halves. All common dates and nothing better than G-4. I informed the owner (whose husband was the collector and had passed away) that while the value wasn’t spectacular the group was worth a tidy little sum. The answer I got was, “I’ll keep them for a few more years.” I told the owner that that was okay but that when and if she wished we could ship the whole collection off to Small Cents II where I thought she would get a fair price.

More to this—you bet! She told me that she would get a good deal from a local “Pawnshop”, as the fellow was a friend of a friend! I just shut up but I was flabbergasted that

she was more attuned to going to a local pawnshop than a professional coin dealer. Of course pushing the point would have only stiffened her resolve. Perhaps the pawn shop owner is okay but I would never do business that way.

Moral to this story is that if you have a collection make sure that your spouse or heirs has an idea how you want it disposed of.

R. S. “Bart” Bartanowicz  
NCC National Correspondent

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## SPECIAL ISSUE

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Minutes of the Meeting  
9 June 2003

Meeting was opened by Vice President, Bob Landry at 7:05. 15 members were present.

A discussion of the upcoming coin show hosted by Ernie Botte brought up the point by some of the senior members, that hosting a coin raffle doesn't really work well. Coin raffles also require a fairly expensive permit whereas 50/50 raffles do not. It was noted that the club used to run a coin show, but it was hard to do with very little volunteers.

If the club does a 50/50 raffle at Ernie's coin show, will there be a loudspeaker system to announce the winner? Gary will check. We also need to check with Bob Fritsch to find out if there are more wooden nickels remaining that we can sell. Don Pickering will check in with Paul Bergeron at the city clerk's office to find out more about the city medals and if we can promote them at the show.

News of the day was the retirement of the NH highway token. It will be replaced with the E.Z. Pass system.

Art Kagin has donated a group of

miscellaneous tokens to the club members. Gary will bring them in during the next meeting.

The club members have decided to place votes in the ANA elections for the following: President - Lewis, VP - Horton, Governors - Kagin, Herbert, Wilson, and Tumonis. All ANA members were reminded to vote as well.

Gary made a report about Long Beach. He bought lots of coins including Civil War tokens. Most of which he placed on Ebay. He doesn't miss having the store due to all the overhead costs. He also mentioned some results from the auction. A number of the coins went for a lot more than book value such as a 1912-S Lincoln cent PCGS MS65 Red, valued at \$1200, sold for \$24,000. A 1917 Lincoln cent PCGS MS66 Red, valued at \$110, sold for \$2400.

The attendance raffle of \$3.75 was won by Bruce Heimbach.

It was noted that Bowers and Merena abandoned their NH roots and moved to Louisiana.

Ken Camelleis had purchased a couple of 1994 Canadian platinum coins and noticed that the mintages were very, very low.

Everyone was reminded that the ANA convention this year is being held in Baltimore Maryland, July 30th to August 3rd. Southwest has flights for \$99 round trip and the train from the airport cost \$1. It was also noted that Southwest is offering trips from "Manchegas" to Las Vegas for \$199 roundtrip after September.

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Charlie brought in some show and tell which included a medal dated 1977 about President Carter visiting Clinton Mass on March 16-17. He also showed a Korean Cash coin the size of a silver dollar. Bruce showed around a 1909-S \$20 St. Gaudens gold piece graded AU58.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55.

Next meeting will be on July 14, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,  
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## JUNE QUIZ

Break out your Red Books because the answers to these questions about U.S. coins of 1853 are all in there.

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2. What did the Act of February 21, 1853, do?
3. Are there any major varieties of the 1853 coins?
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13 Jul – Brunswick, ME

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## President's Message

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Hi gang! Ah, summer is finally in full swing. That means, cleaning the pool, mowing the lawn, staining the fence, weeding the garden, cleaning all the windows. But enough about the pleasures of home ownership. Let's talk about coins. The topic? Commemorative quarters. I may start to sound like a supermarket tabloid here but I read an AP story in my local newspaper a week ago and found it curiously interesting. There may be a curse on commemorative quarters. Yes, a curse. Here are some examples.

The Old Man of the Mountain was featured on the New Hampshire state quarter and now he has fallen.

Maryland's state house had a fire shortly after appearing on the quarter.

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Gary took over and first, he passed out free tokens from Art Kagin. These were \$50 gold slug copies. It was announced that some of the old employees of Bowers and Merena such as Christine Karstedt and John Babalis, have created a new rare coin auction company named American Numismatic Rarities. Gary also passed around the Jay Parrino catalog of coins named Rarest and Finest Knoxville Collection. Awesome, large photos on each page of every coin. Prices supplied on demand only. He also passed around a Heritage auction catalog that will take place in Dallas and the Superior catalog for the ANA auction coming up at the end of the month. Gary said that the Civil War tokens he had for sale did pretty well on Ebay.

Speaking about Ebay, one of the coins for the Coin of the Month raffle was a half dime purchased on Ebay without photos. The word half was polished off and the coin was passed on as a dime by an unknowledgeable seller. The seller was given negative feedback by Randy.

It was noted that shoplifting has become a problem at the local coin shows as of recent.

The Nashua Sesquicentennial parade was awesome and drew a big crowd. It was comprised of 150 bands and lasted more than 2 hours. It was mentioned that the Mummers were the most impressive band. Mummers are a feather laden string band that come from Philadelphia. It was noted by members that no mention of the Nashua city medals were mentioned at the event, nor was there any ads. The local banks have them on display but they tell our members that they cannot be purchased there, one has to go to the city hall to buy a medal.

Ken took another trip to Cape Cod and did not forget to bring his metal detector, of course. He found many nice coins, a dog tag, early button, gold ring with the initials C.F. and amazingly, and in wonderful condition, an 1834 \$5 gold piece. Congratulations Ken!

The \$3 attendance raffle was won by Frank Clark.

Coin of the month raffle celebrated Nashua's forming in 1853 and thus any coin from 1853 was in order. Ken brought in a 3 cent silver found with his detector; Gary a large cent bought at the show, Randy a 3 cent silver in an ANACS slab that stated it was genuine; Bruce a half dime passed as a dime; Cliff a half dime purchased from the show; and last, Bob submitted a dime that was purchased from the show. The winner was Bob Landry.

The sound of wedding bells were heard as Gary announced his upcoming wedding on New Years Eve.

Charlie stopped at the Davisville flea market and picked up a Palmolive soap token, good for one cake of soap free when you buy one, and showed this around.

# JULY QUIZ

One ounce silver coins are all the rage these days. Many have animals on them. America produces the Silver Eagle. Can you name the animal on these country's coins?

a) China b) Australia c) Isle of Man d) Somalia

How many Euro coins depict animals?

Which country issues Euro coins depicting a lion?

Which country issues euro coins depicting an eagle?

## SHOW CALENDAR

**17 AUG - 3rd SUNDAY, HOLIDAY INN**

**21-24 Aug – NH Coin & Currency Expo / NENA**

Cliff presented a full color photo of the new \$20 bill that is due out in September. Members say they like the new design.

Bruce showed around Korean coins and bills which he got from his cousin who did a recent trip. His cousin also brought back a chess set in which the board is made from solid Jade.

Coin of the month for August is any coin with an animal on it excluding any coin from North America.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00.

Next meeting will be on August 11, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,  
Randy Bullis

## President's Message

Randy Bullis

As I sit and write this message, I realize that a few of our lucky members are attending the ANA show in Baltimore. I, for one, could not get everything in order to attend. I look forward to Monday's meeting to hear all the stories and events that took place. I also hope to hear about the auctions.

I received a Bowers and Merena auction catalog with a CD for the PC in it. On this CD were photos of every lot. Wonderful! Hope this keeps up. I did not, though, place my bids for tens of thousands of dollars, thereby not becoming a winner of any lot. Hopefully, Gary has had better results.

I also hope that everyone has noticed the change in location of the meeting. Due to a lack of employee coverage, we cannot meet at the usual library. We have been asked to meet at the main library on Court Street in Nashua.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon.



## OH MY...GOLD!

by Ken Camilleis

This story actually begins 40 years ago. In the spring of 1963 my parents decided I'd go to overnight camp on Cape Cod that summer. But after a week I became quite homesick, and so spent the rest of the summer collecting coins and frogs and grasshoppers. The following year, my parents sent me to a nearby all-boys overnight camp which shared activities with the other camp, such as baseball games and off-camp outings. As I was by this time more mature, I was becoming better adapted to the away-from-home life. However, by the spring of 1965, I felt I'd be better suited to the coed camp to which I'd gone for that week in '63. And so I would spend the whole summer of '65 at this camp, and true to my beliefs, I did enjoy the experience, and *to this day* retain fond memories from that summer. On Monday, August 23, the last day of the camp season, my parents came to pick me up and I gave the camp director's wife a big farewell hug. I have long since memorialized that date as one which marked the end of a "chapter" in my life, as it would be nearly 37 years before I'd set foot on the property again.

About 10 years ago I was doing research on sites that had been popular gathering places in the generations prior to the Civil War, and I spotted a reference to the small community where my summer camp was located! These publications referred to a revival by a lake, other outdoor gatherings in the 1830s and '40s and quarterly church meetings every year from 1838 through 1846. There was also documentation of activity in the area as far back as 1813. However, since the printed matter was vague in its description of location, the notes I'd taken were rather sketchy and I felt I didn't have enough concrete data to conduct a meaningful study.

Fast forward to July 27, 2002. I was on my way to pick up a friend enroute to our bridge game when I noticed a road sign pointing to the old camp site community. This sign gave me an impetus, so I got a brainstorm ... the next day I'd try to find the old camp site! It was a weekend and my children were away up in Maine with relatives, so my wife Marita and I were free to roam about the countryside. And without much difficulty, we found the site. The area was no longer a camp but an essentially deserted expanse of fields and meadows, with only the main house of the original camp standing, as a private residence. A bit further down the vast complex, towards the lake, we spotted some people, and I casually got to talking with them about my camping here as a youngster and my budding research project. Soon they referred me to the proprietor. I introduced myself to him and his wife, gave my "dog and pony show", and they granted me permission to search the area. Within the hour Marita and I had found a 1941 quarter and a few Wheat pennies.

During the remainder of last summer I made several stops here, finding many obsolete coins including my first Seated Liberty half dollar. The next day, September 8, I brought along a buddy from my metal detecting club, and he found an 1830 Capped Bust half dollar in nearly mint condition! This really got my adrenaline pumping, and for the next several months the two of us found many large cents and artifacts such as spoons, frock coat buttons and buckles.

I didn't know what to expect when my detecting partner and I set out on the morning of July 6, 2003. We arrived at the site around 9:00 and detected until we worked up an appetite. We took a lunch break at about 11:30, but by 12:00 we were back out in the sultry atmosphere. Less than 10 minutes later, I was working an area where the grass had recently been cut (after having been several inches higher) and got two signals from my detector, one which was very good and one which was so-so in terms of potential for being a coin. The two hits were about a foot apart, and sure enough the strong one was a Draped Bust large cent, from about 7" deep. I then passed over the second hole, and still got a tone, lower but consistent. I thought it was perhaps another one of the many old frock buttons we'd found. But as the object came into view in a clump of dirt retrieved from the hole, it was in fact a coin about the size of a quarter with its reverse partially exposed. In fact, I thought it *was* a quarter at first glance. But when I looked at it closely I saw the denomination "5 D." and my heart skipped a beat!! I'd found an 1834 Classic Head half eagle – my first gold coin in 31 years of metal detecting! **OH MY ... GOLD!**

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# NASHUA NUMISMATIST

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## \* ATTENTION \*

## September meeting will be held at the main library on Court Street. See enclosed map.

NASHUA COIN CLUB  
Minutes of the Meeting  
11 August 2003

The meeting was opened at 7:08PM at the Main Library Theater by President Randy Bullis who led 14 members and one guest in the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's Reports for the past several months were read and approved.

Correspondence consisted of the usual magazines and notices, plus a Thank You letter from the ANA for donating \$25.00 to the 2003 Baltimore Convention. A letter from the Daniel Webster Council of the Boy Scouts invited us to participate in the Merit Badge Mile during the upcoming Jamboree in October.

Under Old Business, the annual Banquet will be held at Newick's on 13 October. Bob Fritsch had gotten the shipment of Past President Medals from ANA and passed one around the room. The layout of the inscriptions will be decided by the club officers. Guest Chris Hand was greeted -- he collects "almost everything."

Gary Galbo's auction in July had a decent turnout for mid-summer. Next auction is in September. Several members submitted reports on the Baltimore ANA just completed. Charlie Dube said that he spent a lot. He was there only one day from early morning to late night. He got an 1856 Flying Eagle Cent and saw the 1913 Liberty Head nickels. Gary Galbo had a fantastic show. Spent lots and lots at the auctions, but got shut out of 2 of the 5 sessions (no successful bids). Traffic was high and the dealers were happy. Dealers can't find material so prices are rising. Not many Bowers&Merena lots sold on eBay as most

people did not want to pay the separate cost. B&M catalog had poor production values because most of the catalogers stayed in Wolfeboro. The 1804 Dollar went for \$1M50K plus the juice. Bob Fritsch reported that he was there for the clubs and social activities. He ran two club meetings as President and attended three others as a Board Member, with the rest as just a member. He also did exhibit judging in two classes, participated in the NLG Bash where protests against the new ANA Brand were prevalent, noted that the new ANA Board is predominately dealers, and even got a couple of hours on the bourse floor. Cliff LoVerme went with his family and spent a bit. He watched Numismatic Theatre, saw the Uncle Scrooge exhibit along with the Nickels, then went to Washington to see the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and the Lilly Gold Collection at the Smithsonian. He talked about the fare cards on the Metro which were dispensed at a machine in the station lobby, then fed into a turnstile at the beginning and end of the ride with the correct fare amount deducted. Gary Galbo showed all the ANA souvenirs he had gotten at the Convention.

During the break, Bob Landry won the Attendance Raffle of \$3.75. Coin of the Month opened with the Quiz which was quickly answered. COTM was animals on coins not from North America. Submissions included: Syria 50 Ghirsh (Eagle); Italy 5 Lire (Dolphin); Great Britain 10 Pence (Lion), Australia 50 Cents (Kangaroo and Emu); Chile 100 Peso (Condor); Ireland 1/2 Penny (Sow and Piglets); Ireland 1 Penny (Peacock); New Zealand 5 Cent (Iguana); Jamaica 5 Cent (Cayman); a 1994 China Silver Panda (Panda); Italy 50 Centesimi (Eagle); Bahamas 10 Cent (Marlin and Flamingo); Spain 5 Pesetas (Eagle); and Austria 5 Schilling (Horse). This wonderful mix was won by Frank Clark. Frank also

had some metal detector finds for Show and Tell, plus a set of "Oval Office Collection of Coins". The next Coin of the Month will be coins featuring plants from any country in the world.

The NH Coin Expo will be 22-24 August in Bedford and Nashua Coin Club will be there with wooden nickels for sale, plus a 50-50 Raffle. The Permit will be obtained from Bedford Township. There was a general call for volunteers to help at this show. Raffle tickets will be \$1 each or 10 for \$5.

The President called for annual Award Nominations which will be voted next meeting. There being no further business before the body, the meeting was closed at 9:00PM. The next meeting will be at the Main Library on 8 September.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert F. Fritsch

Secretary

## AUGUST QUIZ

This month we examine Plants in numismatics.

What is the plant on the Great Britain 20 Pence coin?

What is the only plant shown on current Canadian circulating coins?

What plant is shown on the Federal Republic of Germany coinage 1 Pfennig to 1 Mark?

What plant was featured on both the Italian 5 Centesimi of 1919-1937 AND a coin of ancient Metapontum?

## ANSWERS FROM JULY QUIZ

1. China – Panda
- Australia – Kookaburra and Kangaroo
- Somalia – Monkey
- Isle of Man – Cats
2. 17 Euro coins have animals on them.
3. Finland, on the 50, 20, 10, 5, 2 and 1 cent coins
4. Germany. The eagle is a national symbol on the 1 and 2 euro coins

## SHOW CALENDAR

**21 SEPT - 3rd SUNDAY, HOLIDAY INN**

**28 Sept – Regency Hotel in Westford, MA**



## NASHUA COIN CLUB'S 2003 AWARDS ELECTION

Choose 1 person per category that you think most deserves that award.

This form may be filled in and mailed or presented at the September 8th meeting.

Presented in last name, alphabetical order.

### Young Numismatist Award

This award is for the YN who has been the most actively engaged in club functions and numismatic topics including YN reports on numismatic bags.

\_\_\_\_\_ No Award This Year

\_\_\_\_\_ Dave Heimbach

### Literary Numismatist Award

This award can be based on a single work or a collection of works that we have read and remembered.

\_\_\_\_\_ No Award This Year

\_\_\_\_\_ Bart Bartanowicz

\_\_\_\_\_ Randy Bullis

\_\_\_\_\_ Ken Camilleis

\_\_\_\_\_ Robert Fritsch

### Numismatic Achievement Award

This award is second only to the NCC Gold Medal and the nominees should have distinguished themselves in either numismatic research, scholarly pursuits, and/or volunteerism.

\_\_\_\_\_ No Award This Year

\_\_\_\_\_ Randy Bullis

\_\_\_\_\_ Alan Brouillard

\_\_\_\_\_ Ken Camilleis

\_\_\_\_\_ Charlie Dube

\_\_\_\_\_ Gary Galbo

\_\_\_\_\_ Cliff Lo Verme

\_\_\_\_\_ John Statkum

\_\_\_\_\_ Ken Young

### Gold Medal Numismatist Award

This is the NCC's Highest and most prestigious award. This award symbolizes our recognition of a unique individual who represents the best in all of us. This award is presented to an individual who has contributed significantly to the club and the numismatic hobby.

\_\_\_\_\_ No Award This Year

\_\_\_\_\_ Charlie Dube

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## **President's Message**

Randy Bullis

The first New Hampshire Coin and Currency Expo was a fine success for it's designer, Ernie Botte. The weather was too beautiful though to spend it indoors so a smaller than expected crowd showed. My thanks go out to Ernie, though, for the table set up at the entrance for the Nashua Coin Club.

My thanks also go out to all of our awesome members that volunteered their time and stayed throughout the weekend to man the table. Thank you Robert Fritsch, Cliff Lo Verme, Chuck Curfman, John Connary, Derek Connary and Robert Landry. Without members like you, the Nashua Coin Club wouldn't be as great as it is.

We spoke to many people and sold a few raffle tickets. We saw lots of great coins and passed out several club brochures. We even sold some of the club's wooden nickels. The club earned \$14 from sale of wooden nickels, \$5 from the 50/50 raffle, and \$6 by signing up a new member. Please help me welcome, Don Walker of Nashua to the coin club.

Next year should be better still. See you all soon.



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Gary reminded us of his auction coming up on September 20th and also the 3rd Sunday show in Nashua.

Show and Tell segment included many interesting items for review. Cliff brought in a stamp and coin set from the Postal Commemorative Society. It was all the state quarters so far, each in it's own informative page. Awesome display and very educational.

Randy showed 7 slabs. One from each of the grading firms, PCGS, NGC, ICG, ANACS, ICCS, PCI, and an old PCI with photo of coin attached.

Ken showed an 1865 2 cent piece, a 1923-D Peace Dollar which used to belong to Bob Gallagher since he engraved it. These were found at a junior high school.

Charlie mentioned he was at Weirs beach and was ready to take a ride on the Sophie C and he saw many coin in the water at the dock. He being without proper bathing attire left them there. He also showed around a coin that looked like a U.S. gold dollar was was marked Spiel Marke Compositions. I thought this was one of the German play money coins made for games and/or kids as told to us by Bob Fritsch. When I typed up these minutes, I researched this on the web and find myself to be correct.

The coin of the month for November will be any coin with fish or crustaceans on them.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50.

Submitted by Randy Bullis

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## **Third Annual Awards Banquet**

### **13 OCTOBER AT NEWICKS**

### **Route 3 Merrimack, NH**

#### **COIN OF THE MONTH**

#### **FOR NOVEMBER'S MEETING**

**Any coin from anywhere in the world  
with a fish or crustacean on it.**





# NASHUA NUMISMATIST

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## NASHUA COIN CLUB

Minutes of the Meeting  
13 October 2003

The annual Banquet at Newick's Restaurant in Merrimack was kicked off with cocktails and chat at 6:30PM. Party favors in the form of Capitol Plastics holders were passed out to members. Dinner started at 7:00PM with seventeen members and ten guests present. Following dinner, President Randy Bullis welcomed everybody then held the Awards Ceremony.

### This year's recipients are:

**Young Numismatist of the Year – David Heimbach**

**Literary Award – Ken Camilleis**

**Numismatic Achievement Award – Charles Dube**

**Numismatic Gold Medal Award – Robert Fritsch**

### Congratulations to all the winners.

The coin holders passed out at the beginning of the evening were for the One Cent Type Coins. Members were asked to fill the holders and in February everyone will bring in their sets and prizes will be awarded.

The total banquet bill was \$570.00 including tip. Members contributed an additional \$70 toward the final bill. The meeting was closed at 8:30PM. The next meeting is 10 November, and it will be at the Main Library in the Hunt Room.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert F. Fritsch, Secretary

## OCTOBER QUIZ

Fish and crustaceans are the Coin of the Month. Can you identify these coins?

1. Believe it or not, a US coin actually depicts a fish, 8 of them to be precise. Name the coin and the fish.
2. Bermuda's 5-cent coin depicts what kind of fish?
3. The Tokelau Islands 1980 Tala depicts what crustacean?
4. The Bahamas has four circulating coins with fish on them. Name the denomination and fish shown.

## SHOW CALENDAR

7-9 Nov – Bay State, Boston

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**16 NOV - 3rd SUNDAY, HOLIDAY  
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**22 NOV - SMALL CENTS II  
AUCTION**

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Gary reminded us of his auction coming up on September 20th and also the 3rd Sunday show in Nashua.

Show and Tell segment included many interesting items for review. Cliff brought in a stamp and coin set from the Postal Commemorative Society. It was all the state quarters so far, each in it's own informative page. Awesome display and very educational.

Randy showed 7 slabs. One from each of the grading firms, PCGS, NGC, ICG, ANACS, ICCS, PCI, and an old PCI with photo of coin attached.

Ken showed an 1865 2 cent piece, a 1923-D Peace Dollar which used to belong to Bob Gallagher since he engraved it. These were found at a junior high school.

Charlie mentioned he was at Weirs beach and was ready to take a ride on the Sophie C and he saw many coin in the water at the dock. He being without proper bathing attire left them there. He also showed around a coin that looked like a U.S. gold dollar was was marked Spiel Marke Compositions. I thought this was one of the German play money coins made for games and/or kids as told to us by Bob Fritsch. When I typed up these minutes, I researched this on the web and find myself to be correct.

The coin of the month for November will be any coin with fish or crustaceans on them.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50.

Submitted by Randy Bullis



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## **Third Annual Awards Banquet**

**13 OCTOBER AT NEWICKS**

**Route 3 Merrimack, NH**

### **COIN OF THE MONTH**

### **FOR NOVEMBER'S MEETING**

**Any coin from anywhere in the world  
with a fish or crustacean on it.**



# NASHUA NUMISMATIST

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## NASHUA COIN CLUB

Minutes of the Meeting

10 November 2003

The meeting was opened in the Main Library's Hunt Room at 7:00PM by President Randy Bullis with the Pledge of Allegiance. Twelve members and one temporary guest were present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's Report was read and approved. Correspondence was limited to the usual magazines and mail offers, plus a request to patronize the ANA Portland, OR National Money Show which was declined.

The Coin Quiz was reviewed. General consensus was that is was a tough one, especially the first question. Trip reports included the new Westford show which is larger and nicer than the Chelmsford show it replaces. Bay State had lots of people but they weren't buying. There is a new show in Keene, but it is small and cramped. It should grow in the coming months. There was a good reaction to the stamps on this month's newsletter – the editor got a deal on them even if they are a pain to apply.

Dave Heimbach brought a black light to demonstrate the fluorescing security strips in US notes. Is a 1934 \$100 bill worth more than \$100? The answer is "Maybe" but would have to see the bill to make a judgment.

Coin of the Month was Fish on coins, and included two Bermuda 5¢ Angel Fish, a 1967 Canada Silver 10¢ Mackerel, 1955 Italy 5 Lire Porpoise, 1998 Bahamas 10¢ Bonefish, 1987 Barbados 10¢ Carp(?) on the Coat of Arms, 1964 Sierra Leone ½¢ Bonga Fish, and a 1975 Krewe of Okeanos Mardi Grad Doubloon showing a hippocamp. Frank Clark won the stash. The Attendance Raffle was won by new member Jim Matthews.

Who knows where the next meeting will be held. The Shadow Knows (he he he) because we surely

don't. The Library will notify us where it will be. Show and Tell included a set of posters from the New England Shilling Society which were auctioned off. Cliff LoVerme held a grading exercise that was enjoyed by all. He showed four Morgan Dollars, each a different grade from MS-62 to MS-65. Next COTM will be Heraldic Eagles.

Discussions centered around the various auctions and the high prices they are getting. The grading services are now slabbing entire sets and packages, which may or may not be good for the hobby. The auction realized \$5.00.

The meeting was closed at 8:58.PM. The next meeting is 8 December.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert F. Fritsch, Secretary

## SHOW CALENDAR

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5-7 Dec - Baltimore, MD  
**21 DEC - 3rd SUNDAY, HOLIDAY INN**  
28 Dec - Westford

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**2004**  
8-11 Jan - FUN Orlando, FL  
16-18 Jan - NY International  
**18 Jan - 3rd SUNDAY, HOLIDAY INN**  
29 Jan-1 Feb - Long Beach, CA

## OCTOBER QUIZ ANSWERS

The 1915S Panama Pacific \$50 Octagonal showed 8 dolphins. OK, so they're not really fish, but close enough.

Queen angel fish.  
Coconut Crab.

1 Cent – Starfish; 10 Cents – Bone Fish; 50 Cents – Blue Marlin; 1 Dollar – Conch Shell

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## **NEXT MEETING 8 DECEMBER AT THE MAIN LIBRARY**

### **Preview Theater in the Media Center**

#### **COIN OF THE MONTH**

**Any coin from anywhere in the  
world with a heraldic eagle on it.**



# NOVEMBER QUIZ by Bob Fritsch

Here is a quiz designed to enlighten and baffle you. Match the Heraldic Eagle to its country. Some countries may have more than one image and not all listed countries are represented..



Countries: Austria, Egypt, Finland, Germany, Kyrgyzstan, Libya, Morocco, Mexico, Montenegro, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Russia, Syria, USA.



# SHOW CALENDAR 2004

8-11 Jan - FUN Orlando, FL  
16-18 Jan – NY International  
**18 JAN - 3rd SUNDAY, HOLIDAY INN**  
19 Jan – Centennial Auction, Holiday Inn Nashua  
25 Jan - Westford  
**28 JAN - SMALL CENTS II AUCTION (Wednesday)**  
29 Jan-1 Feb - Long Beach, CA

**15 FEB - 3rd SUNDAY, HOLIDAY INN**  
22 Feb – Westford  
29 Feb – Auburn

## President's Message

Randy Bullis

## Happy New Year!

I would like to welcome all the club members to the club's 44th year in 2004. Because of all of you, the club has had a very successful run of years and will continue to do so in the future. I hope the holidays were good to each and every one of you. If you received any item for Christmas, dealing with numismatics or anything else really interesting, please feel free to bring it along to January's meeting.

At January's meeting, we will need to cover club officer elections as well. Please feel free to step forward and volunteer your name for any position. You may wish to run for President, for I may not be able to uphold the position as properly as I should this year. You see, 2004 will be a big year for me with the upcoming birth of my daughter, Nicole, in the April timeframe. I may not be able to make a few of the meetings depending on circumstances, however, if reelected, I will try my best.

In closing, I look forward to seeing everybody this Monday and hope you all can make it once again. The December meeting had an awesome turn out. It was great to see new friends and old ones alike. Remember, this meeting is back at the old meeting place, in the Chandler Library on Main Street. Hurray! See you there.







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Minutes of the Meeting

8 December 2003

The meeting was opened at 7:04PM by President Randy Bullis with the Pledge of Allegiance. Fourteen members and one guest were present at this meeting held in the Media Theater of the main library. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's Report was read and approved, which led to discussion of the negative cash flow in the treasury and what we can do about it. Nothing was resolved. Correspondence was limited to the usual magazines and mail offers. There was no old business.

The Coin of the Month Quiz was reviewed and it was a tough one, consisting of photos of coins with heraldic eagles. Coins presented were a German 1941A 5 Pfennig, German 1974F 2 Mark, Italy 1940 50 Centesimi, Spain 1957 (50) 5 Pesetas, Italy 1939 5 Centesimi, Syria 1974-AH1394 50 Piastres, Germany 1942J 1 Pfennig, Germany 1947A 1 Pfennig, Russia 1993SPB 10 Rubles, USA 1958 Washington Quarter, Poland 1923 10 Groz, Poland 1992 20 Groz, Philippines 1944S 5 Cent, and Mexico 1985 100 Pesos. Scott McIver won the group. Next Coin of the Month is Lions.

Cliff LoVerme asked where he could get a Euro set. Many dealers carry them and he must shop for the best deal. What constitutes a Euro set anyhow? Is it a type coin from each country? Is it a complete year/mint collection? Do the monetary union states of San Marino, Monaco, and Vatican City get included? The last will jack up the price considerably. During the break, bob Fritsch gave a Christmas Elongated cent to each member. Jim Matthews won the attendance raffle of \$4.00

Trip reports then commenced. Charlie Dube passed around a Panama 1930 Half Balboa which has the same specifications as the US Half Dollar, and a Pikes Peak elongated cent. He made a trip to Peru – from Concord to Boston to Miami to Lima

to Cuzco to Lima, etc. He spent 15 days in the central part of the country including a visit to Machu Pichu and had plenty of photos to show. He saw a fantastic collection of armor and weaponry, saw the Gold Museum, and went down the Amazon for 100 miles and back. He fished for piranha but didn't catch any, but those that were caught were served for supper whole! He visited an Indian village and bought some souvenirs. The Sol is the unit of currency in Peru and he had several of them to show us. Frank Clark showed a possible shipping container for Waltham watch movements, two amusement tokens and a Punch medal. Cliff LoVerme had a set of Lord of the Rings coins from New Zealand. Bob Fritsch had a beautiful 1891 Swiss Shooting Medal from Canton Vaud. Gary Galbo reported that his auction was pretty good. He went to Dallas to view lots in an upcoming Heritage sale, and the company threw him a bachelor party. He is getting married to Laurie Cerato on New Year's Eve.

Randy Bullis had a grading quiz with several Washington Quarters. Each member got a photo sheet of the various grades and had to grade a fistful of quarters using it as a guide. It was enlightening to say the least. Charlie Dube auctioned four lots and gave half the proceeds to the club totaling \$28.00.

The meeting was closed at 8:58PM. The next meeting is 12 January 2004.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert F. Fritsch  
Secretary

## NOVEMBER QUIZ ANSWERS:

Top Row: Syria, Egypt, Russia, Mexico  
2nd Row: Austria, USA, Germany, Kyrgyzstan  
3rd Row: Poland, Philippines, Romania, Finland  
4th Row: Germany, Montenegro, Poland







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## **NEXT MEETING 12 JANUARY AT THE CHANDLER LIBRARY**

### **COIN OF THE MONTH**

**Any coin from anywhere in the  
world with a LION on it.**